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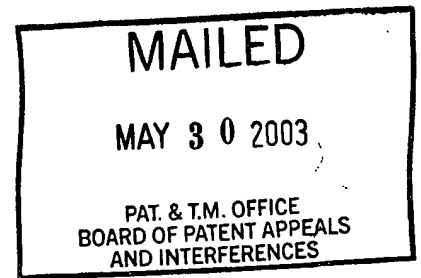
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES

Ex parte CHRISTOPHER B. FARMER

Appeal No. 2002-0637
Application 08/974,545¹

ORDER REMANDING TO EXAMINER



An Information Disclosure Statement was filed on May 14, 2003 (Paper No. 22). It is not apparent from the record that the examiner considered the statement submitted nor notified applicants of why their submission did not meet the criteria set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

Accordingly, it is

¹ Application for patent filed November 19, 1997.

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ORDERED that the application is remanded to the Examiner for such consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement and for such further action as may be appropriate.

It is important that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences be informed promptly of any action affecting the status of the appeal (i.e., abandonment, issue, reopening prosecution).

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